

## The Anniversary of Our Holy Father

*Our Holy Father was elected Pope just 15 years ago—on March 2, 1939. That day is also our Holy Father's birthday. He will be 78 years old.*



Our Holy Father reaches out to say hello to a young girl.

**I**T WAS a cold afternoon in March. In the big square in front of St. Peter's in Rome, a huge crowd of people stood waiting. They were watching a small chimney atop the roof of the Vatican.

Suddenly smoke began coming from the chimney.

"It's white smoke!" someone shouted. "White smoke!"

Everyone knew what this meant. It meant that a new Pope had been chosen. (If the Cardinals had not yet chosen a new Pope, the smoke would have been black.)

A few minutes later a Cardinal stepped out on the balcony. "We have a new Pope," he said. "He is Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli."

The crowd cheered wildly. All over Rome the bells of hundreds of churches rang out the good news.

And so Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli became Pope Pius the Twelfth.

Next Tuesday, March 2, Our Holy Father celebrates his 15th anniversary as Pope. It is also his birthday. He will be 78 years old.

Many things have happened since that day in March, 15 years ago. There has been a terrible war. In some parts of the world, war is still going on.

Each day brings more sad news to our Holy Father. Many of his Cardinals, Bishops, and priests are in lands behind the Iron

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This picture shows our Holy Father, Pope Pius the Twelfth, saying Mass.

Curtain. They have been put in prison. Many of them have been killed.

During all this time the Pope has been working for peace. He has been a great leader to all men. People everywhere—Catholics and non-Catholics alike—have turned to him for help. Over and over he reminds the world that to win peace we must work hard. He reminds us of Our Lady of Fatima and how she begged us for prayer and penance. He himself spends many long hours in prayer.

Although the Pope has many problems he still finds time to receive visitors. Thousands of people come to see him each year. Almost every day he sees large crowds. The Pope is especially happy when he is with children. He loves them and they love him.

As part of his work for peace Pope Pius the Twelfth has named 1954 as Marian Year—a year devoted to Mary, Queen of Peace.

The Holy Father is a learned and saintly man. He can speak many languages. He can speak French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Latin, and English.

Did you know that our Holy Father visited in the United States before he became the Pope? (He is the only Pope who has ever visited our country.)

## Two-in-One Television

**H**AS THIS ever happened at your house: you want to look at one show on television, and your brother or sister wants to look at another show? What do you do?

There is a new television set that solves this problem. With this set your family can see and hear two different shows at the same time. Here is how it works:

The set has only one screen. Both shows are on this same screen at once. The pictures seem to be on top of each other.

How can you tell the picture apart? It's very simple. You wear a special kind of glasses, called *polaroid* glasses. (They are like the ones you wear at a 3-D movie.) By using these glasses, you see only the one picture. When you turn the glasses around, you see the other picture. In this way some members of your family can see one show, while others look at another show.

You can't listen to the two shows through a loudspeaker, of course. It would just be a jumble of sounds. You have to wear tiny earphones—they are like telephone receivers. These earphones separate the sounds and you listen to the one that goes with your show.

The two-in-one set can also be used as a regular television set. You just press a button and only one picture appears on the screen. The sound then comes through the loudspeaker.

These twins are watching two different shows on the same television set. The story tells how they do this.





## A New Kind of Sub

**H**AVE YOU ever heard of the *Monitor* and the *Merrimac*? They were two of the most famous ships in the history of our country.

The *Merrimac* was a little wooden ship. Its sides, however, were covered with iron plates. The *Monitor* also had iron sides.

These two vessels had a battle many years ago—in the year 1862. (That was during the War Between the States.) The battle lasted nearly four hours. Neither side won.

These two ships became two of the most important ships in the world. They proved how good iron-sided ships were. From then on, warships were built with iron and steel.

A great many changes have been made in ships since the time of the *Monitor* and the *Merrimac*. But now, say some people, the greatest change of all is being made.

Our country is building a new ship that is different from any other ship. It is a submarine and it is called the *Nautilus*. It looks a great deal like most other subs, it is true. The big change is *inside* the sub. The *Nautilus* is the first submarine—or any ship, for that matter—to be run by atom power.

Some day atom-powered ships may make today's warships useless, just as iron-sided ships made wooden ships useless many years ago.

Here is the *Nautilus*, the new atom-powered submarine our country is building. It was launched not long ago.



## The World Is Getting Smaller

Do you ever hear anyone say, "The world is getting smaller," or "The world is shrinking"? These three globes of the world show that this is true.

Of course, this does not mean that the world really is growing smaller. It is just that we are able to travel around the world so fast, it seems to grow smaller.

See the sailing ship on the largest globe in the picture. It was only in these ships that people could travel long ago. Sometimes it took as long as three months to cross the Atlantic Ocean in one of them.

The center globe shows a steamship. It can cross the ocean in about four days.

On the small globe is a modern airliner. You can travel across the ocean in this plane in less than a day.

## It's Red Cross Time

**L**AST YEAR there were many tornadoes in our country. They ripped through little towns and big cities. Houses and schools and buildings were blown down.

Who takes care of people when a disaster like this happens? Families have no homes. They have no place to sleep or eat.

The answer is: the American Red Cross comes to the rescue. They take care of the injured. They find places for people to sleep. They bring them food to eat.

March is Red Cross Month. During this month you are asked to give your nickels and dimes to help the Red Cross.

You may be a member of the Junior Red Cross. (It is part of the American Red Cross.) Children in the Junior Red Cross have sent thousands of gifts to blind children and children in hospitals. They also make gifts for service men in hospitals.

Do what you can to help the Red Cross.



FROM

# Father Jim

Dear Girls and Boys,

Did you notice the priest's vestments the past two Sundays? They were violet. That is the color of penance. It reminds us that Lent starts next Wednesday.

How will you keep Lent? The best way is to receive Holy Communion every day. So try to go to Communion as often as you can.

Another good way to keep Lent is to say the Stations of the Cross. Do you know that you may gain a plenary indulgence every time you do this? And if you receive Communion on the same day you say the Stations, you may receive another plenary indulgence.

It's really not hard to make the Stations. You don't have to read any special prayers. All you have to do is go from Station to Station, think about Our Lord's Passion, and be sorry for your sins.

You can even gain this indulgence if you are sick at home and can't get to church. Most priests can bless a special crucifix for you. You must hold this crucifix in your hand, think about Our Lord's Passion, and say the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* twenty times—one for each of the fourteen Stations, five in honor of the five sacred wounds of Our Lord, and one for the intention of the Holy Father.

There are many little penances and other things you can do during Lent. But try especially to do these two things: Receive Holy Communion and make the Stations of the Cross as often as you can.

—Father Jim

## Jesus Cures the Blind Man

The Gospel for Sunday, February 28

ONE time Jesus and His Apostles were on their way to Jerusalem. Jesus told the Apostles about His coming death. He said that all the things the prophets had written about Him would come true. He would be delivered to His enemies. He would be mocked, beaten, and put to death. On the third day, however, He would rise from the dead.

The Apostles did not know what Jesus meant. Later, when He was condemned, they would remember what He had told them.

Now a great crowd of people was following

Jesus. As they neared the city of Jericho, a blind man heard the noise of the crowd. He asked what it was. They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

The blind man cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Some of the people tried to quiet the man but he cried out all the more. Our Lord stopped and asked that the man be brought to Him.

"What do you wish?" Jesus asked the man.

"Lord, that I may see," he answered.

And Jesus said to him, "Receive thy sight, thy faith has saved thee."

At once the man could see. When the people saw this, they praised God.

## Why We Receive Ashes on Ash Wednesday

This year Lent begins on March 3. On that day, Ash Wednesday, the priest places blessed ashes on our foreheads. Here is how this custom started:

Many hundreds of years ago, a great procession used to be held in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Bishop would ride through the streets, followed by people carrying palms and singing hymns.

(This was done to honor Our Lord who rode through Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday.) The palms the people used were blessed and then burned. The ashes were saved and used on the next Ash Wednesday.

At first, only people who had committed serious sin and were doing public penance received ashes on Ash

Wednesday. The Bishop sprinkled them with ashes as they left the church.

Today, you know, everyone may be blessed with holy ashes. The priest places them in the form of a cross on our foreheads. As he does this he says in Latin, "Remember, man, that thou art dust and unto dust shalt thou return."





# How Farmers "Harvest" Ice

**I**N WISCONSIN, Michigan, Minnesota, and other northern states, many farmers are out harvesting an important crop. "But the ground is frozen," you may say. "What could a farmer possibly harvest in this kind of weather?" The answer is: ice.

Have you ever thought how important ice is to you? It keeps the meat and fruits and vegetables you eat safe and unspoiled until they reach your grocery store. Perhaps they have traveled thousands of miles. Then at home your ice box or refrigerator keeps food fresh until it is used.

Ice is merely frozen water. You would not think that selling frozen water is important. But it is. In fact, the ice business is one of the biggest businesses in our country.

Most ice is man-made, or *artificial*. It is made in ice plants, which use electricity and chemicals to freeze the water. But in many parts of the United States and Canada, ice is taken right from the ponds, lakes, and rivers. This is called *natural* ice.

Right now in the northern part of our country ice "farmers" are busy "harvesting" the ice. Here is how they do it:

First of all, if there is any snow on the ice, the men scrape it off. Then they mark off the ice with ice plows. These plows look somewhat like regular plows, and they are usually pulled across the ice by horses.

The men then saw out the blocks of ice. They do this either by hand, as you can see in the picture below, or by machine. The blocks of ice are then floated in the water to a chute (see the other picture). Then they are pulled up this chute and into the icehouse.

Inside the icehouse the men pack sawdust around the blocks of ice. This keeps the ice from melting.

When spring's warm weather comes in a few weeks, the work of storing the ice will be over. Next summer the ice will be taken from the icehouse when it is needed.

That is how farmers harvest their coldest crop—ice.



**Left:** Sawing the ice into big blocks with a hand saw.



**Bottom:** The ice goes up a chute and into the icehouse.





The young girl made the old woman comfortable on the straw bed.

# The Gatekeeper's Daughter

Part Three

by Lee Wyndham

**E**ARLY the next morning there came a sharp rap on the door of Dame Haldis's house. It was such an official-sounding rap that she herself hurried to open the door. On the steps stood a messenger in the scarlet uniform of the palace.

"Come in, kind sir!" cried the Dame, very much flustered.

The messenger strode in and whipped off his plumed hat. Glennis peeked through the kitchen door where she was scrubbing pots and pans.

"Dame Haldis," said the messenger. "Our King has sent me to find out what maiden in your household dances in the moonlight beside the pool at the edge of the forest. The King tried to speak to her last night. But she ran away in fright. Is it perhaps one of your daughters?"

"My daughters?" Dame Haldis said vaguely. "Oh—oh, yes! Of course! *Both* of them!"

"Both?" said the messenger. "But his Majesty saw only one maiden."

"Well, and to be sure," Dame Haldis babbled. "Nevertheless, it was one of my daughters."

Out came the two beanpole daughters, holding fans in front of their patched noses.

"NO!" said the messenger as soon as he saw them. "Neither one of them."

"Well!" sniffed Dame Haldis. "Perhaps the King would want to see them himself. I'm sure—"

"No, no, no!" the messenger interrupted. "The King has no interest in your daughters, madam. Ah me," he sighed. "All we have is this bit of the maiden's gown." Carefully he unwrapped a scrap torn from Glennis' spider-web dress.

"Ugh! Spider web!" cried the Dame.

"No, Dame Haldis. Fairy cloth. That is what his Majesty calls it," the messenger corrected and departed.

The crack in the kitchen door closed and Glennis wiped away a tear. Ah, if she had only not run away last night. Perhaps now she would be working in the King's palace. Surely he would have treated her more kindly than Dame Haldis.

No sooner had the door closed on the messenger than the Dame cried, "Spider-web cloth! I know only one person in this household who would wear such a thing. I will put an end to that!" She grabbed a broom and fairly galloped upstairs to Glennis's cubbyhole.

Whisk! Swish! Swat! went the broom. All the



spider webs were destroyed and the mice fled for their lives.

Dame Haldis spun about to find Glennis behind her, weeping for her lost friends.

"Ha!" cried the Dame, "you mischievous girl. Well, my broom has put an end to your meddling creatures! I'm sure it was you who set those vicious mice to bite us, too."

"No, no," said Glennis. "It was just one small mouse. I am sorry about your noses."

"Sorry!" screeched the Dame. "You will be sorrier still. Off to the woodshed with you. No more for you the comfort of this charming attic room. Begone! Any more tricks from you and I will cast you into the world—a beggar!"

Weeping bitterly, Glennis crept down the stairs and out to the woodshed. She made herself a bed of straw on some logs. As winter crept closer, she chinked the holes in the woodshed with straw against the prying fingers of the cold.

One night, as she lay huddled upon her cold straw bed she heard a knock. Glennis crept to the door and opened it. There stood an old, old woman wrapped in a shawl.

"Let me in to warm my bones," begged the old woman.

"Come, and welcome," Glennis said. "As you see, Grandmother, I have no fire and no blankets. But I will heap straw around you and I will rub your hands and feet. And I will share these crusts of bread with you. But perhaps if you went to the house, Dame Haldis would let you in to sleep by the fire in the kitchen."

"Ha!" said the old woman. "I have been to the house—and had the door slammed in my face. No, child, your welcome will take the chill off these old bones."

Glennis made the old woman comfortable, and rubbed her icy hands and feet. And in the morning she shared her crusts of bread.

"Thank you, dear child," said the old woman, kissing Glennis. "Now I must be on my way. But before I go, I will give you a gift. It will come in handy, from the looks of your hair." With these words she handed Glennis an old comb, with half its teeth missing.

Glennis thanked the old woman. Then she hurried to the house to stir up the fires and start breakfast, tucking the comb into a pocket of her apron.

(To be concluded)

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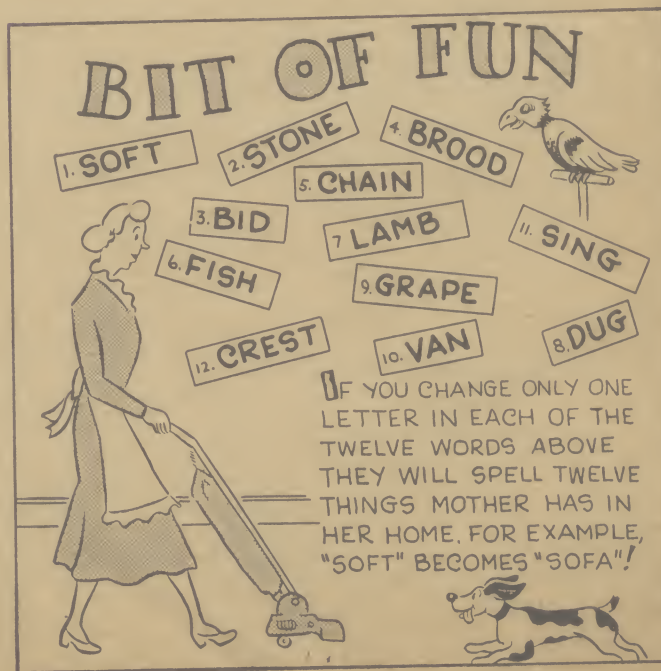
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DICK: What did Tennessee?

MIKE: I don't know. What?

DICK: The same as Arkansas.

OLD LADY (seeing a game of tug-of-war for the first time): Wouldn't it be easier for them just to get a knife and cut it?





## CAN YOU REMEMBER ?

Place an X before the correct answers.

- The *Nautilus*, a new submarine being built by our country, is the first ship to be run by  
.....electricity .....atom power  
.....gasoline .....steam power
- The famous battle between the *Monitor* and the *Merrimac* took place during the  
.....French and Indian War  
.....Revolutionary War  
.....War Between the States  
.....Spanish-American War
- Years ago, it took a sailing ship about \_\_\_\_\_ months to cross the Atlantic Ocean.  
.....two .....six  
.....three .....eight
- Today an airliner can cross the ocean in about  
.....two hours .....three days  
.....one day .....one week
- The glasses you wear at a 3-D movie are called  
.....binoculars .....lorgnettes  
.....field glasses .....polaroid glasses
- Ice that is taken right from lakes, rivers, and ponds is called  
.....artificial .....natural  
.....man-made .....refrigerated
- During Lent the priest wears violet vestments. That is the color of  
.....penance .....patience  
.....joy .....humility
- Lent always begins on  
.....Epiphany Sunday .....Laetare Sunday  
.....Ash Wednesday .....Spy Wednesday
- On Ash Wednesday the priest places blessed ashes on our  
.....forehead .....arm  
.....cheek .....throat
- In this week's Gospel Our Lord  
.....brings a dead man back to life  
.....cures a blind man  
.....tells the parable of the Good Shepherd  
.....calms a storm at sea

Perfect score is 10.

My score is \_\_\_\_.

## My Puppy And I

When we go a-walking  
He cocks his small ear,  
As though bands were playing  
That I cannot hear.

He seems to be dancing;  
So gay is his manner.  
His bark is a trumpet,  
His tail is a banner.

And if we should pass you,  
My puppy and I,  
You probably will think  
A parade's going by.

—Anne B. Payne

## Do You Know These Words?

All of the following words are used in this issue. Do you know what they mean? Write the numbers in the correct spaces.

- remind
- solve
- jumble
- problem
- shrink
- intention
- launch
- balcony
- modern
- sacred
- to explain or make clear
- to become smaller by drawing together
- to bring to someone's mind
- aim; purpose
- holy; consecrated
- a confused mixing
- belonging to the present time
- a platform coming out from a wall, usually under a window
- to move a ship from land to water
- a puzzling question to be answered

Perfect score is 10.

My score is \_\_\_\_.

TEACHER: Can anyone in the class give me a definition of good manners?

BILLY: Good manners is the noise you don't make when you're eating soup.

## Otto

by Bill Berry

